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# Communities join forces to fight funding deficits

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Municipalities are starting to do what individuals have always done when times get tough: join forces.

More than ever before, cash-strapped communities are starting to see some advantages of pooling resources to offer improved services while expending less tax money – a welcome development for municipalities that have been battered by cuts in state shared revenue for two consecutive years.

The trend toward regional cooperation – something not many municipalities embraced in the 1990s – is a direct result of financial creativity implemented to help communities provide services at a time when many were pushed to fiscal breaking point when the economy faltered four years ago.

Paul Sincock, the Plymouth city manager, who serves as a member of joint services committee with members of Plymouth Township government, said his city has struggled to keep programs residents expect in the face of a \$1.2 million general fund budget shortfall.

"Clearly, it's the way it has to go," Sincock said. "No longer can any government entity go it alone."

Charles Curmi, a Plymouth Township Trustee, agrees that the past practice of autonomy needs to change. "I don't know why (some people resist change)," he said. "I think some of it is the ego, attitude—I have no idea, but it doesn't make rational sense that the city and the township cannot get together on a synergistic, money-saving, service-improving anything, especially on recreation."

Though merging services is spurred by a trend many government movers and shakers want to see continue, even as economic indicators start to improve.

During the unprecedented economic expansion of the 1990s, joint services were considered a blip on the radar screen. But a recently-released report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) charted some trends that show the mindset of total autonomy is slowly

changing.

The SEMCOG report highlighted 13 examples of regional cooperation in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. One of the examples cited in the report is the merging of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Fire Departments.

City of Plymouth and Township officials say they are happy with joint fire and dispatch.

However, merging other departments has proved more daunting for city and township officials, who differ on merging the recreation and police departments. The city is opposed to joint police services, because community service levels are different

in the smaller city than in the larger township, Sincock said. The township, however, argues that such a move would save the city money, and take a big chunk out of their deficit.

"Merging police services would save the city \$800,000 a year,"

said Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann. "That's huge. That would almost eliminate their deficit."

Instead, the City of Plymouth is proposing a volunteer department. "That's unheard of in urbanized communities," Mann said. "It's a huge leap back in time."

The city deficit is projected to be \$1 million in 2005.

Plymouth City Commissioner Michele Potter said she opposes merging with the township police department. "The policing needs of the city are significantly different from those of the township," she said, adding that the city is a smaller than the township. "Cops can't walk around the township and talk to people, (in the township)," she said. "The city is more community-oriented."

Communities that have less strife about joint services are of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township.

According to Van Buren Township Supervisor Cindy King, the township shares a library and a dispatch station with Sumpter Township and Belleville.

Discussions about finding a fair cost formula for both Belleville and Sumpter Township started in February when Sumpter officials unanimously voted at their Feb. 24 board meeting to keep the dispatch cost-sharing formula at a 50/50 contribution basis for the 2004-05 budget year. Belleville disagreed with that figure.

Belleville City Manager Steve Walters said that the operating fund will run out of money during the year if the current situation continues.

"We will be around a breakeven point for next year," said Walters. "We have a surplus now because we have taken money out of the general fund." Both Walters and King indicated they believe the partnerships are mutually beneficial to their communities and are open to discussion as the partnership continues. They are not alone.

The City of Northville and Northville Township are currently debating merging their emergency dispatch, which Northville City Manager Gary Word said will save both municipalities money and eliminate costly duplicated services.

"We think we're going to have a better dispatch (if it is approved)," he said. "It demonstrates an efficiency to the tax payers."

Under the plan, the township would become the central dispatch. They would contract services to the city.

Merging services is not always a seamless process, but community leaders said it is going to be expected in the future by residents.

Curmi said the push to merge city and township recreation and police services in Plymouth represents solutions residents expect from elected officials.

"It's going to take some discussion and it's probably going to take different people on the township board and the city commission," he said. "But I know the citizens want synergy, and I don't think elected officials are grasping that. They think that citizens want control. Citizens want a say, but they don't want to pay the premium for sole control of police, fire and DPW (Department of Public Works) services."

(Staff Writers Kevin Hill, Megan Chatham and Andrea King contributed to this story.)

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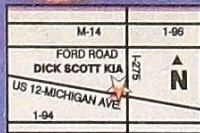
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# Foundation expands prescription voucher program

Ashley Lawrence and Andrea King  
Staff Writers

Judge Brian Oakley of the 34th District Court said he could not be prouder of the strides Community Assistance Foundation (CAF) 34 has made in the last year with a new prescription voucher program.

The CAF 34 is a charitable foundation organized to assist children and families in need in the communities of Belleville, Romulus, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships.

The voucher program is designed to ensure that children will not have to go without needed medication.

"The program began last year in the Van Buren School District when parents without medical coverage were having a hard time paying for their children's medication," said Oakley. "This is something that should not even be an issue when it comes to kids, but it is."

The problem was brought to the attention of the CAF 34 by Toni Hunt, a substitute teacher in the Van Buren schools and newly-elected member of the school board. Oakley said that when Hunt brought up the idea, there

was never a doubt that the CAF 34 could help.

The program, sponsored jointly by CAF 34 and Bill Newman, owner of the SavMor Drugs in Romulus and Andrews Drugs in Belleville, was a hit in Van Buren, said Oakley.

"It worked so well there, that now we are expanding the program to more districts."

In the upcoming school year, the prescription drug voucher program will be available in all the school districts served by the 34th District Court.

Now, children whose families cannot afford prescription drugs may receive assistance through school leaders.

Oakley explained that if a school official, nurse, teacher or principal, finds that a child is not receiving medication for financial reasons, the school will then refer the child's name to the foundation.

If approved, the child will be given a prescription voucher that can be used at either of the two participating pharmacies to pick up their medication free of charge.

"It is our way of helping the community in which most

of us live and serve," said Oakley. "Kids should not have to go without their medication and this is our way of ensuring that they no longer have to."

The CAF 34 started five years ago when an area resident cancer patient—Shannon Spicer—needed money to pay her medical bills. Currently, along with the drug voucher program, CAF 34 is working to raise funds for Van Buren Township resident Jason Stanley.

Oakley said he wants more people in the communities served by the 34th District Court to become aware of the CAF 34 and help out in any way they can.

"We want to be able to help so many people, but our hands are tied because we have to raise the money to be able to give it to people," he said. "So we are trying to get the communities support and recognition, because helping kids is something that is important to everyone."

The CAF 34 committee includes: Oakley, Fielder, Keith Johnston, Kevin Johnston, Bob Thorne, Jim Richards, Clarence Hoffman and Ken Brooks.

Donations should be made payable to the CAF 34 and sent to the 34th District Court, 11131 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.



The Robbins brothers, from left, Colton, 8, Brice, 5 and Tyler, 9 started their own trash can collection business last month to rid the roads of empty cans.

## 'Curb' appeal Three young brothers start new business

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

The Robbins brothers of Romulus are looking to make a name for themselves in the trash business.

The three entrepreneurs have opened their own business, which is doing quite well, but one thing makes them stand out in the industry.

They are all under the age of 10.

Tyler, 9, Colton, 8 and Brice, 5 began their trash can collecting service called Cleaned Up by the Robbins Brothers (CURB) in May after removing trash cans countless times from the street so their mom could drive.

"There were always all of these trash cans in the street," said Tyler. "So, one day we were in the car and I said to my mom, 'If I had a quarter for every time I had to move a trash can' and that is how we got the idea".

And so the light bulb went off and the Robbins brothers went into business for themselves.

For a fee of 25 cents per can, the boys will take the can from the curb to the garage. According to Tyler, the brothers are making a name for themselves in the neighborhood located from Huron River Drive to Hannan Road, even drawing some celebrity clients.

Mayor Alan Lambert signed up for the service last month and said the boys do a terrific job.

However, this was nothing new for their mom, DeAnna Robbins.

"I am so proud of them, but they are always coming up with stuff like this," she said. "They surprise me all the time."

She also said the current leader of the troop, Tyler, has wanted a job for the last three years.

"Whenever we go to the grocery store he always bags the groceries and asks if he shows them how responsible he is if they would give him a job," she said.

"In two or three years we will be well known in our neighborhood, so it will be easier to expand," said Tyler. "Then we will do more houses."

Colton said the service is not just for trash-cans, either.

"We get calls to pick up sticks and branches too," said Colton. "So we do other stuff besides just the trash cans."

Not only are the boys thinking about expanding, they are also willing to hire more staff. That staff consisting of their two younger brothers, Mason, 3 and Zayne, 16 months, according to Colton.

The brothers keep track of their profits, making sure to split the money evenly between themselves.

"We could make almost \$11 a person this month," said Colton. "So we are making a lot of money."

The brothers also donate 10 percent of their profits to their church each week.

The boys are accepting new clients in the neighborhood. For more information call (734) 941-1053.

## Approval

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concession stands and different bars throughout the complex.

This complex would also offer live entertainment to patrons, like live comedy, dinner theatre or even concerts.

Para mutual waging will also take place in the complex, allowing for the most up-to-date technology for those coming to the track to bet on horses at Michigan Downs, as well as around the country.

For future consideration in this area of the property, Kumer said there is the possibility of luxury suites if the demand is there, as well as a corporate pavilion during phase two of the project.

Next came the parking area, which will have 2,800 parking spaces. Kumer also said that the special events area could also be used for additional parking if needed. There will be a valet service at the front of the entertainment complex, as well as the capability to deal with up to 26 buses on the property.

The back portion area of the property will hold the stables, barns, groom quarters, manure transfer building and the mechanics buildings.

In all there will be 24 barns

with 32 stables in each on the property. There is also the possibility of adding nine additional barns if needed.

Kumer asserted that the barns would be state-of-the-art facilities for the horses.

"We are talking about keeping track of horse that range in price anywhere from \$30,000 to \$7 million," he said. "These stables are the best quality."

The final land use dealt with the Retail and Development building, which was a compromise made by MEC at the beginning of the process.

"We promised early on that we would incorporate this portion into our project and we have," he said.

The building will be 33,000-sqaure feet to start off in phase one and will grow to 66,000-sqaure feet during phase two of the project.

Kumer said that MEC has linked the certificate of occupancy for the racetrack to the office building to show Romulus that MEC is committed to building this portion of the project.

Many neighborhood hotel chains including the Crown Plaza, Doubletree, Comfort Inn and Quality Inn came to the meeting to show their support of the project, which is expected to help fill many hotel rooms if it is approved by the city council.

## Vandalism

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"We are going to go in and again and make more improvements, but at this rate the neighborhood is going to have to get involved," said Lambert.

Lambert said he is going to call on the neighborhood to help

the city stop the vandalism in the park.

"We can only do so much," he said. "But the neighborhood residents are there all the time and if they could institute a neighborhood watch to catch these vandals and protect the park that would be great."

Improvements to the park began this week and will continue through the summer

## Restoration

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can't make it to the market can send a donation to the Romulus Historical Society.

"If anybody donates \$500 or more they will get their name a plaque at the house once it is finished," she said. "It is a very good

cause."

Space is still available for a \$15 fee. Sellers are asked to bring their own tables. There is no registration deadline for the event.

Donations can be sent to the Romulus Historical Society, c/c Gloria Chandler, 9261 Ozga Romulus, MI 48174.

For more information cal (734) 941-2678.



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS  
CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 7, 2004 IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL,  
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debbie Romak.  
**Present:** LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,  
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.  
**Absent:** None.  
**Excused:** Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear (Military Duty)  
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended\*.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-245

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 25, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. Pirgim - Annual Membership/Education Drive. Deleted\*

04-246

3A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with Planning Commission and the Petitioner, Jim Eppink, PC-2004-003 and introduce an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Romulus and rezone six (6) parcels of land (3.67 acres) on the east side of Merriman Road, between Ecorse and Smith Roads 82-80-042-02-003-000 through 82-80-042-02-008-000 inclusive, from RC (Regional Center District) to C-2 (General Business District), consistent with the recommendation from the Planning Consultant - Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc and Associates, Inc., in their letter dated February 24, 2004, specifically items 1 through 10.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-247

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Julie Albert, City Assessor, and grant an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Lear Corporation, 363 10 Eureka Road, Plant II, for a six-year tax abatement on a \$5,589,400 project to install new manufacturing equipment to produce seats for Daimler Chrysler 2005 Dakota Trucks and 2006 Ram Trucks. Said Abatement to become effective on December 31, 2004 and expire December 30, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-248

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the request of the petitioner, John Romano, PC-2004-008 and, to introduce an ordinance to rezone 11.25± acres of parcel #82-80-074-01-0147-301 (southeast corner of Hannan and Northline Roads) from M- 1, Light Industrial District, to M-2 General Industrial District.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

04-249

3D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the request of the petitioner, Paul Burger, PC-2004-012 and introduce an ordinance to rezone 22.86± acres, Parcels #82-80-004-99-0006-000 and #82-80-004-99-0004-700 from M-1, Light Industrial District, to MT-2 Industrial Transportation 2 District on the south side of Beverly Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads. consistent with the recommendation from the Planning Consultant - Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc and Associates, Inc., in their letter dated May 7, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-250

3E1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce PC-2004-013A, an ordinance to amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Article VII, RE, RIA, RIB Single Family Residential Districts for creation of the Rural Character Overlay District and to provide for Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter Relief, Amendment 1.189.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth, Nays - Prybyla. Motion Carried.

04-251

3E2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to introduce PC-2004-013B, an ordinance to amend the Romulus code of Ordinances Appendix A, Section 4.05 Accessory Buildings and Structures in Residential Districts, Amendment 1.190.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-252

3E3. Motion by Miller, supported by Burcroff to introduce PC-2004-013C, an ordinance to amend the Romulus code of Ordinances Appendix A, Section 4.18, Lots, Yards and Open Spaces, Amendment 1.191.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Prybyla., Motion Carried.

04-253

3E4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to deny PC-2004-013D, Cluster with Bonus Density, PC-2004-013E, Lot Averaging and PC-2004-013F, Flexible Zoning.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-254

3F. Motion by Miller, supported by Burcroff to introduce PC-2004-014, an ordinance to amend the official zoning Map of the City of Romulus, Amendment 1.192, by rezoning approximately 373± acres and with the inclusion of the first 627 feet north from the southern property line of the following parcels: 82-80-075-99-0011-000; 82-80-075-99-0012-000; 82-80-075-99-0013-000; 82-80-075-99-0014-000; from RIB Single Family Residential to Rural Character Overlay District for parcels south of Wabash, west of Huron River Drive.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-255

3G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to introduce an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Romulus for PC-2004-015, by rezoning 419± acres west of Huron River Drive and north of Eureka from R1A Single Family Residential to Rural Character Overlay District and to limit the overlay to a depth of 627 feet east of the western property line on the following parcels: 82-80-0114-99-0018-700; 82-80-0114-99-0020-000; 82-80-0114-99-0021-000; 82-80-0114-99-0023-000; 82-80-0115-99-0001-000;82-80-0115-990002-000; 82-80-0115-99-003-000, and to limit the overlay district to a depth of 450 feet east and 150 feet south from the north west boundary of parcel 82-80-0115-99-0004-700. All other parcels listed in the public notice shall be included in their entirety. (Amendment 1.193).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Prybyla. Motion Carried.

04-256

4A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to grant a no-fee permit to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, for their 54th Annual St. Aloysius Festival to be held the weekend of August 27, 28 and 29, 2004, located at 11280 Ozga Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-257

5A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution determining need for street lighting to be specially assessed for the Avalon Meadows Subdivision, and to direct the City Assessor to prepare a list of lots and properties comprising the total area to be affected by such improvement. Further to direct the City Engineer to prepare a detailed list of materials necessary for completion of such improvement and a detailed estimate of cost and to make a report to City council and the city Assessor.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-258

5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment for the proposed improvements in the Avalon Meadows Subdivision for street lighting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-259

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-46:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>General Fund:</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>				
101-3810-738.73-06	Planning-Postage Expense	2,265	1,530	3,795
<b>Fund Balance</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>				
	<b>AVAILABLE</b>		<b>APPROPRIATE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
	986,429		1,530	984,899

To appropriate additional funds for the additional costs associated with the moratorium enacted by City Council in December 2003.



OBITUARIES

NABOZNY, Arthur F.

Arthur F. Nabozny, 67, of Dearborn Heights, formerly of Romulus, died June 14. Among his survivors are his daughter, Sharon (Scott Banchoff) Garnett of Dearborn; a brother, Butchy Nabozny of Texas, sisters, Marie Robak of Jackson and Cookie of Dearborn, and three grandchildren, Steven Garnett of Wayne, Stephanie Garnett of Dearborn and Michael LaBell of Brooklyn.

Mr. Nabozny was a mail carrier for the Taylor Post Office for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Dearborn Moose Lodge and the Romulus VFW.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal of St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

OMEY, Shirley F.

Shirley F. Omey, 67, of Clinton Township, died June 16.

Among her survivors are her husband Delton Omey Sr.; children, Kathy (Mike) Galbrith, Arlene Omey, Delton (Joyce) Omey, Jr.; Sheila (John) Melnick, Troy Omey, Linda (Don) Keaton and Shannan (Bret) Baggette; a sister; a brother; 23 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Michigan

Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

COOK, Vernon Arthur

Vernon Arthur Cook, 80, of Sumpter Township, formerly of Livonia, died June 10.

Among his survivors are nephews, Richard W. (Doris) Klekamp of Westland, Carl D. Klekamp and David (Theresa) Klekamp, all of Garden City; a niece Sandra (Douglas) Sutton of Heartland and great-nephews and nieces, Robert Klekamp, Jeff Klekamp, Bryan Sutton, Mary Klekamp, Johanthan Klekamp, Scott Klekamp and Kitt Klekamp.

Mr. Cook was a member of the Michigan Teamsters and VFW Post 4422 in Taylor.

Graveside services were at the Decker Cemetery in Millbrook with the Rev. Randy Platt officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

KOPSOLIAS, Onedia J.

Oneida J.Kopsolias, 77, of Belleville, formerly from St. Helen, died June 18.

Among her survivors are her children, Pam (Ken Flynn) Lipford of Belleville, Nick

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PRIMARY ELECTION  
Tuesday, August 3, 2004

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
VAN BUREN – WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 6, 2004 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

- At the township clerk’s office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

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VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 3, 2004, Primary Election is Saturday, July 30, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk’s office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-260

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-47:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<u>Retirees Insurance Expenditures:</u>				
676-8110-881.74-53	Retiree - Dental	27,267	2,064	29,331
676-8110-881.74-54	Retiree - Life	8,109	139	8,248
676-8110-881.74-55	Retirees - Health	379,741	40,383	420,124
<u>Retained Earnings</u>		<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Retiree Insurance Benefits		1,755,075	42,586	1,712,489

To appropriate additional funds to cover the costs of increased health, dental and life insurance for City retirees and those eligible for Cobra coverage.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-261

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Finance Director, Debra Hoffman, and adopt the Interfund Debt Payment schedule through April 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. Water and Sewer Rates - No Action.

04-262

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution to recognize the Progressive Club as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable Gaming License.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-263

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with City Assessor, Julie Albert, and grant the Church of Our Lord Jesus Miracle Temple Inc., to redeem Lot 7, Block 11, Junction Subdivision; parcel number 077 11 0007 000, located at 35605 Bibbins, in the amount of \$699.06.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-264

6A4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 03/04-41, 42, 44 and 45.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A5. No Action.

04-265

6A6. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-41, to provide residency requirements for volunteer and paid on-call firefighters.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A7. No Action.

04-266

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 04-11, in the amount of Three Hundred, Thirty Two Thousand, Five Dollars and Sixty Two Cents (\$332,005.62).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda R. Choate,  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 7, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# Trotting Tails earns \$3,000 for animal group

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) found volunteers and supporters recently to walk for furry friends in need. As part of their commitment to protecting animals, citizens earned funds in the first-ever 6-mile Trotting Tails event.

Pete LaFramboise, co-founder and president of FMAR, said that donation money is still coming in to the center. Although fewer than 50 people attended the walk, the event still generated more than \$3,000.

"We're happy with the turnout we had," he said. "We just wanted to get people out there to get the word out, get them to know the place and see what our dreams are for the shelter."

LaFramboise said that the money generated will go to benefit

homeless animals residing at the center, which is located at 51305 Arkona. Specific plans include: spay and neuter services, vaccinations and medical care to animals that will come to the shelter this year.

The group is a non-profit organization committed to protecting animals and residents by promoting a safe and healthy environment, according to LaFramboise. The shelter operates a 'no kill' animal rescue providing necessary medical attention, shelter, spay and neuter services and adoption services.

Trotting Tails began and ended at the shelter, taking walkers on a 6-mile route. The event included refreshments, pictures with pets and t-shirts.

Don Swinson from Atchinson Ford in Belleville said that he will donate 10 percent of the commission he receives from any vehicle

sale during June, July and August to FMAR.

Swinson, of Belleville, is a graduate of Belleville High School and has worked at Atchinson Ford for 7 years. He has become familiar with FMAR through his meetings with LaFramboise and has since become not only a member, but also one of the board of directors.

Marcy LaFramboise, co-founder and vice-president of FMAR, expressed her appreciation for Swinson's contribution.

"This move is a wonderful gesture by Don and shows the compassion and passion he has for Atchinson Ford and the animals of the community," she said.


The organization is currently providing a low-cost spay/neuter program in hopes of decreasing the overpopulation of animals in the community.

"It is important

to understand that pets are a lifetime commitment and we must all do our part to see that our animals and residents are safe and healthy," said LaFramboise. "An important step to a healthy com-

munity is taking care of our pets so they don't create a burden for others. The group hopes to partner with the community by educating them about supporting the spay and neuter programs."

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO REGISTER  
FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
AUGUST 3, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Primary election will be held in this County, Tuesday, August 3, 2004 and that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday or a legal holiday, receive application for registration from any elector entitled to register in said City, not already registered, who may apply for said registration.

Registrations will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, July 6, 2003.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY WILL BE:  
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004  
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan.

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County Treasurer  
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County Commissioner  
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Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position-Vote 1

and; the following Proposals:

### WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL Q BALLOT ADVISORY QUESTIONS

SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSION MAY PLACE ADVISORY QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT?

\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_ NO

### WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL R REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONER FOR CAUSE

SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMISSIONER MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY A 2/3 VOTE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR CONVICTION OR ADMISSION OF A FELONY, AND BE DISQUALIFIED FROM RUNNING FOR OR HOLDING A COUNTY OFFICE FOR 3 YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMISSIONER MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY A 4/5 VOTE FOR MISFEASANCE OR MALFEASANCE OF OFFICE OR FOR MOVING OUT OF DISTRICT?

\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_ NO

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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## CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE III

An ordinance to amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-41, to provide residency requirements for Volunteer and Paid-on-Call Firefighters.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: Volunteer and Paid-on-Call Firefighters.

WHEREAS, to promote clarity of construction, conformity with recent statutory amendments pertaining to the residency of public employees, as well as to promote prompt response time and public safety in the case of volunteer and paid-on-call firefighters, the following amendments to Section 2-41 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances is hereby proposed:

Section 1: To amend Chapter 2, Article III with the addition of a new Section 2-41, to read as follows:

Section 2-41: Residency Requirements for City Employees, City Officials and Volunteer and Paid-on-Call Firefighters.

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), any person, regardless of residence, who is otherwise qualified for employment at a particular City position, shall be eligible for employment by the City, except as set forth in a collective bargaining agreement, as set forth by Council resolution, but no such resolution shall require residency within less than twenty miles of the City.
- (b) All elected officials and unpaid, appointed officials must be residents of the City.
- (c) To promote prompt response time and public safety, the Mayor, by executive policy, may require residency in the City or residency within a specified geographic area in proximity to the City as a condition of employment for both volunteer and paid-on-call firefighters.

Section 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

Section 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 7th day of June, 2004.

Alan R. Lambert  
Mayor

Linda R. Choate  
City Clerk

Publish: June 24, 2004



# OPINION

## C'mon, join the parade

Organizers of the Fourth of July Parade in Northville realized early on in their preparations that they would have a decision to make.

The holiday falls on a Sunday and there are several prominent, busy churches along the parade route.

They decided, rightly, to move the event up a day, and bring the popular activity to town on Saturday, rather than ask parishioners of the churches to navigate the crowded streets of the city.

It might be a no-brainer to say the idea made sense, but we've heard that some business owners have complained about the plan.

We've got to admit, that's a bit of a mystery. It seems like the downtown merchants – all of them, whether they sell hamburgers, pictures, clothes or bread – should have embraced the idea. After all, what else could bring thousands of potential customers and camp them on their doorsteps?

A case could be made, possibly, that regular customers would have a hard time making it to their stores or finding a place to park. Even so, it's a pretty short-sighted argument, because the few regular customers that who pick that day to drive into town will be more than offset by the thousands who are visiting the town for the first time, and stick around to check it out.

Events like the Fourth of July parade should be embraced wholeheartedly by the downtown business communities. It's free marketing, free publicity, free advertising and free exposure all for the slight inconvenience of telling employees to park elsewhere. And it's a good time, to boot. It's hard to imagine a more amenable crowd, full of patriotic good cheer, that could translate into additional sales for the merchants. It's the perfect chance to relax, open up the doors and show off to a potentially new client base everything they have to offer.

In a difficult economic period, independent business owners need every advantage they can get to get their name out, to take part in the small town community.

The parade is just one example of a good way to do that. The theme of the event this year is 'American Heroes, past and present.' Let's show the public that merchants can be heroes, too.

## Now a 'center' of progress

Oh, the beauty of a plan.

That's what officials in the City of Westland must be thinking as they witness the spur of development near the Westland Center.

It's another indication that the community is thriving and that bodes well for the future of the city.

With the recent announcement that another restaurant is heading toward the mall – On the Border Cantina will fill the last outlet there – the plan put forth by community officials last year is truly taking shape.

The plan was simple: market the center of the city as the center of the city. Use the mall itself as an attraction for a wide variety of developments – in this case, restaurants – and the resulting traffic will get the attention of other developers.

It's such a simple concept that we were surprised to learn that, essentially, it's only about a year old. When Planning Director Bruce Thompson added the Economic Development Coordinator hat to the many he already wears last year, it was one of the first things he did: developed a plan to attract more development to the area surrounding Westland Center.

He deserves a lot of credit for that, and for following through with the work. So does Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who has long promoted growth in the area and made as a priority of her administration to attract and keep businesses to the big box stores on the fringes of the

See Plan, page 8



## Councilman has a bright idea

Wayne Councilman Don Hartford made a pretty bold proposal last week when he asked his colleagues for a chance to provide an alternate use for the \$620,000 the city has budgeted for new decorative street lights.

He suggested a four-pronged plan that would better serve the community that tearing down the metallic gray street lights along Wayne Road and replacing them with those that match the lights in the already completed streetscaped sections of the Downtown Development Authority.

I've got to give him some credit; he's always thinking about ways to clean up or otherwise fix sections of the city that don't present the best appearance to residents and non-residents, alike. And there are plenty of those areas to choose from.

He hasn't provided any details of his plan yet, but if you would judge from past suggestions, you might get a few kernels of the idea, at least. Hartford has lately been fond of the concept that the city should buy up as many of these dilapidated buildings as it

can, tear them down and market the empty land. Or at least do a more reasonable job of marketing the empty buildings than some of the absentee landlords have done.

The idea, itself, has merit. It makes for an interesting debate, too: What's easier to get rid of, an ugly old building or a vacant piece of land?

I like the fact that he's always looking for ways to upgrade the city and not just because I live there, too. It's just a bit of an oddity to have a relatively new politician not only talk about what needs to change but promote ideas to make those changes.

I fear that might not be the best course of action here, though.

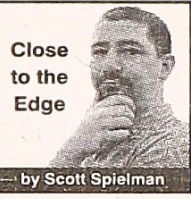
It's easy to look at the concept of putting up new streetlights in front of empty, unpleasant buildings and say: That doesn't make sense. It doesn't even mask the real problem, the blight problem.

But the streetscape plan is one that's been in the works for years now. It's the way things are done in DDAs throughout the state; make the improvements

you can and make it a more attractive region for development.

It's a gamble, sure, because you're betting that the money the DDA puts into the community will make private business owners want to sink money into their facilities, and that isn't always the case. It works out relatively often, though, and it's hard to imagine the reverse taking place: the city putting in money to buy and tear down buildings and having a private landowner decide to put up 100 or so decorative street lights.

Hartford has already done a good thing for the city by putting the purchase of new lights on hold in the first place – he was the one to bring up the state of disrepair that the existing lights are in and set into motion the agreement that will have those fixed up at no cost to the city. But if things can be worked out to the satisfaction of city officials with the street light vendors for the new lights, I think that's probably the best way to go.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Exercise that makes you smile

Laughter has long been called "the best medicine." So I've always thought it ironic that it's also regarded as "contagious." But have you ever thought of laughter as exercise? In fact, laughter is aerobic exercise because it increases your heart rate by working body muscles. Like all aerobic exercise, laughter helps strengthen the heart and lungs, increasing their ability to use oxygen.

Numerous studies have shown that laughter also stimulates the brain, the nervous system, the hormonal system and the muscular system; all while helping to reduce blood pressure and allergy symptoms, strengthening the immune system and reducing stress.

A few minutes of hearty laugh-

ter can burn calories equivalent to several minutes on a rowing machine or exercise bike. Laughing gives the diaphragm, abdominal and facial muscles a complete workout. Some people even include their back, leg, and arm muscles in a good laugh.

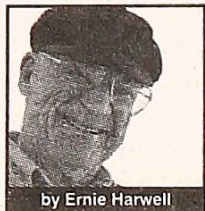
Now, I'm sure this doesn't mean that laughing can take the place of working out. But it does mean that the next time a hectic schedule or illness, prevents you from exercising the best thing you can do is have a good laugh.

One more thing: If folks laugh at you when you tell them that laughing is exercise, be sure to laugh right along with them, because like any other exercise, the benefits come in direct proportion to how

often you do it.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss LuLu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

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# Everything but the strawberries

As a new writer in Belleville, I knew what my biggest assignment yet to come would be...my first trip to the Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

So I left my Saturday free to explore what the festival had to offer, except what I found out was that the strawberry festival is Belleville's own Disney World—there's so much going on that you can't possibly see everything in one day.

I began my adventure in hopes of arriving just in time to watch the parade, but by the time I finished weaving through the traffic, the only part I caught was the last two entries. Disappointment aside and more than a half an hour later in traffic, I parked my car in the high school parking lot, took a deep breath, and made my way to one of the three event sites.

As I walked, I observed residents gathered on their porches and lawns watching festival-goers pass by. I couldn't believe that

they lived right in the heart of the big event.

As I continued on, I wondered how many strawberry shortcakes I'd eat today? And, how many varieties of strawberry treats can I choose from? Or better yet, what should I eat first? But I ignored my hunger pangs and made my way to Main Street.

Once I saw what was on the overcrowded street, I began to hear the start of the Twilight Zone theme song. There were so many tents, so much food and so much going on.

I moved on, bobbing through the tents filled with homemade crafts, colorful artwork, carnival games and detectable food. I watched children laughing as they climbed up the rock wall. I heard water splashing in the distance as the water ski-show took place on Belleville Lake and the whirring of the helicopter above me as it continued the free rides.

And then I began to wonder—'Where are all the strawberries?'

I couldn't ignore my growling stomach any longer so I stopped to buy a hot pretzel and a cold glass of freshly squeezed raspberry lemonade.

After all the walking and exploring, it was time to start listening to my tired feet and take a break, so I stopped to watch the Team Extreme Motorcycle Program. I plopped down on the bleachers, kicked up my feet, slurped down my lemonade and watched the stunts.

I was already exhausted, and I hadn't even hit the other two festival sites. But like Disney World, I know that the festival will continue another year.

I simply had to save the rest for another time.

I was amazed at the huge crowd such a small community can draw.

And, after all that, guess how many strawberry treats I had?

None.



King's Court

by Andrea King

## Letters

### Club politics explained

To the editor;

I am writing in regards to the Democratic clubs in the area. About one year and a half ago the recall for Sumpter supervisor happened. The 15th Congressional District Democratic Organization screened for the Democratic candidate for supervisor to be placed on the ballot. Karen Armatis as well as several other folks wanted the endorsement from the 15th Congressional District Executive Board.

The board had the wisdom to not choose a person who was under recall at the time for Sumpter trustee, Karen Armatis. Karen decided to run on her own and to try to start a democratic club that would support her can-

didacy.

For the following year, after she lost the election for supervisor and was recalled as a trustee, she submitted (paperwork) to the 15th Congressional District Democratic Organization to charter her group. On May 19th, 2004 a letter was signed by Christopher E. Smith, the chair of the 15th Congressional District that the executive board declined the request for chartership to the democratic organization.

This means that the Southwestern Wayne Democrat Club will continue to be the only club to officially represent Sumpter Township in the Democratic organization.

This also means that the Sumpter Democratic Club will not be recognized in any manner; i.e. endorsements, meetings, etc.,

by the Democratic organization.

I want to extend an open invitation to any Sumpter resident including residents who have been involved in the Sumpter Democratic Club to join, re-join, or attend any and all meetings and activities of the Southwestern Wayne Democrat Club.

Our regular meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm. at Casino's Restaurant, (formerly Tin Pan) on Sumpter Road in Sumpter and the 15th Congressional District meetings are at 8 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the UAW Region 1A in Taylor. We welcome all who wish to attend.

Sharon Curson, president,  
Southwestern Wayne  
Democrat Club

## Plan

FROM PAGE 7

mall.

The strategy is paying off. Before the holiday rush, plenty of changes will be complete or substantially finished at the mall. Shoppers will find six new restaurants to choose from. Westland residents won't have to drive as far to find a wider variety of eateries; the 'restaurant row' along Warren Road will mean they won't have to tackle the often nightmarish Ford Road to travel into Canton Township.

With all the extra activity around the mall, of course, it may not be the most driver friendly neighborhood in the city.

It's a necessary problem, though, if city officials want to find companies that are willing to invest in the huge, vacant stores like Service Merchandise. Nothing will persuade a firm to

take a chance on a location like that as effectively as seeing thousands of potential customers continually drive by.

It's good to see that city officials are making use of the

regional attraction of the mall. It's nice to see a plan in place to capitalize on the unique feature of the community.

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# Decision to close Wayne state office will stand

Scott Spielman  
Editor

A plea from City of Wayne and state officials wasn't enough to save the secretary of state branch office in Wayne.

The office, on Michigan Avenue just west of Elizabeth Street, will be one of several closed through a Secretary of State Branch Optimization Plan proposed by Terri Lynn Land. The location in Romulus is also set to close.

Since the announcement last month, city officials, along with State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) and State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) have pointed out reasons to keep the office open.

"We showed them that they should not close the office," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. "It's the only office in western Wayne County that was on a bus route."

In a letter to Land, Stewart also pointed out that the location was a good one, with 40,000 cars driving by it every day, and close to several used car lots and established car dealerships. He said it was important to economic development and had a lease through 2007.

"The answer was she was going to close it, without any explanation to us," Haidous said.

In a response, Douglas Novak, director of the State Office of Governmental Affairs, said the optimization plan would allow

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**Douglas Novak**

the secretary of state to focus resources on increasing the number of people and therefore service at larger, regional offices, rather than the bricks and mortar system from the 1970s.

"Although this plan will affect the way many people in your immediate community interact with our department," the letter told city officials, "Secretary

Land is responsible for providing the best customer service we can to all of Michigan's citizens."

The decision was based on the overall regional accessibility and providing the best customer service, Novak said, not in promoting the economic growth of any one particular area. Other locations would be on or near bus lines, he said, and be close to

auto dealers and auto plants.

The lease, he pointed out, has a 90-day cancellation clause.

"(We) realize that many affected communities have grown accustomed to a particular branch office location," he said. "However, the best customer service to all citizens necessitates that we move forward with the optimization plan."

Haidous said he didn't like the announcement to close the office, which came with very little warning to city officials. He said he still doesn't feel that the state has given them an adequate answer to their questions, either.

"I'm very upset," he said. "She owes the City of Wayne the respect to answer us."

# Plymouth Art in the Park returns to downtown for 24th year

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

It's almost that time of year again in Plymouth.

The annual Art in the Park extravaganza will begin at noon Friday, July 9 and continue until 8 p.m. The event will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. This year, more than 400 artisans from as far away as Australia will converge on the streets surrounding Kellogg Park.

A juried show, Art in the Park was created 24 years ago by resident Dianne Quinn. What started as a small show limited to the confines of the park has grown into one of the most well-attended shows in the state, attracting more than 100,000 art lovers.

This year, American and international artists will show thousands of original works. Painters, sculptors, potters, jewelry designers, fiber artists, photographers, folk artists and woodworkers will join several other creative people to offer the public a

wide assortment objects to enjoy.

Children will get in on the art experience by creating some original works of art and selling them, and children can buy a piece of art for themselves.

The selection of art is plentiful, and the opportunities are just as great for the artists, said Bob Sturck, a woodworker who has set up shop at Art in the Park for the past five years.

"It's a really good time, and it's so well organized," he said. "The artists are a great group of people. This is one of the shows I really look forward to."

Activities for children are scheduled for each day of the event, including face painting, candy art, sand art sessions for children.

Adults and children are invited to enjoy several entertainers. Twenty-six year-old, Michigan-born pianist Jeffrey Michael will perform in concert throughout the weekend featuring his own classical compositions. Mbandi, a well-known pianist from West Africa, will also perform throughout the weekend.

German guitarist Michael Zanabili will

travel from San Diego to play non-traditional mix of classical, jazz and flamenco sounds throughout the weekend.

Award-winning vocalist and band-leader Sheila Landis has scheduled a concert from 1 until 5 p.m. Sunday. Landis' jazz and blues music has garnered her three "Outstanding Jazz Vocalist" awards.

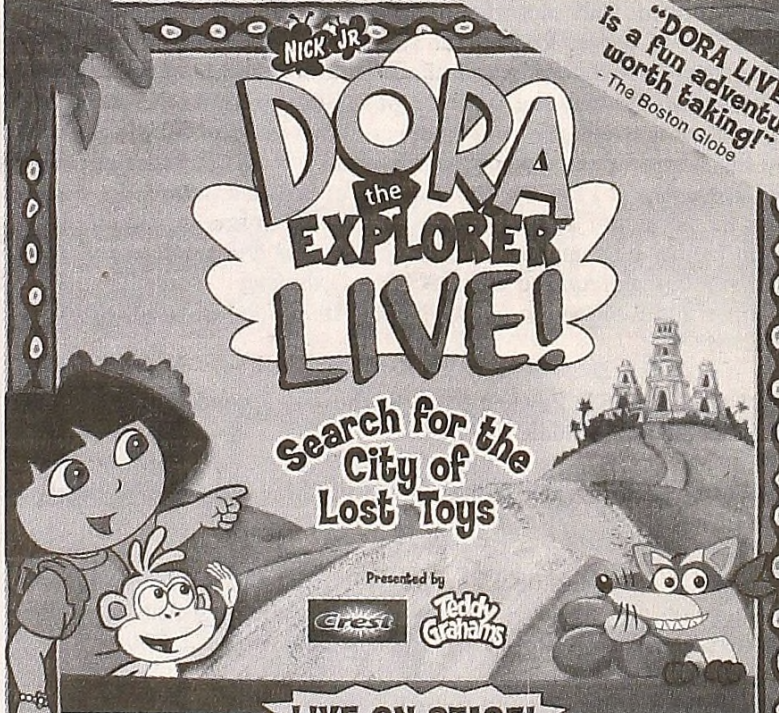
Comedian, juggler and performer John Park is scheduled to bring his "Different Kind of Comedy Act" to Art in the Park for six performances. Some of the staples of the show include marshmallows, water, plate juggling, spinning, audience participation and scarf dancing. Park will perform at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Friday. Shows are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 12:30

p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Psychological illusionist George Tait will also take the stage for three performances from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the three-day show. Tait has performed his magic show throughout the country as an opening act for rock bands and for corporate events. Shuttles will be available to take art lovers from specified parking areas to the show.

Art in the Park is sponsored by Meijer, the Michigan Education Savings Plan, Dunkin' Donuts, Jimmy Johns, Hour Detroit Magazine, N.A. Mans Building Centers, Schoolcraft College, Edy's, WDRQ-93.1, Magic-105.1, WDVD-96.3, and WYCD-99.5.

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# Natural wonder

## Area photographer will exhibit at Art in the Park

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The scenic snapshots of the great outdoors caught John Middlestead's eye a long time ago.

And he's hoping the same images catch the eyes and pocketbooks of art lovers in two weeks when he takes his nature photographs to the Art in the Park show in Plymouth.

A first-time exhibitor, Middlestead was one of a handful of new applicants for the show selected by the jury this year. Typically, hundred of newcomers are turned away each year.

The reason Middlestead snagged the spot, he said, is because of majestic landscapes



This gentle butterfly landed on a leaf during one of Middlestead's trips to Calaway Gardens in Georgia.

and awe-inspiring waterfalls.

"My photography centers in the natural world," he said. "I've traveled to some great places – mostly national parks – to shoot pictures, I love what the outdoors has in store for us."

A full-time manager of the DTE Energy Graphics and Information Systems Group and

resident of Canton Township, Middlestead is working on creating a second career for himself after he retires in a few years. He hopes the exhibit at Art in the Park and other art shows will put his new fine art photography business on a secure footing. Middlestead also worked with a web site developer to create [www.johnmiddlestead.com](http://www.johnmiddlestead.com), another outlet where he sells color and black and white limited-edition photographs.

Middlestead started taking photographs after attending a workshop taught by famed photographer Monte Nagler. He cites Nagler, along with famed landscape photographer Ansel Adams, as his heroes. He said it's because their work reflects what can be achieved when balancing the elements that separate good photos from great photos.

"Diversity is what you're looking for you're taking pictures," he said. "And parks tend to have all of those elements."

Some of the places Middlestead has taken pictures are Zion National Park in Utah and Glacier National Park in Montana, where he photographed the famous "weeping wall." He has also traveled extensively in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for photography excursions.

When it came time to begin thinking about a post-retirement business, Middlestead said he thought pursuing photography full-time was a good choice.

"People



This black and white image was taken during a trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a treasure for waterfall lovers. There are only 198 of them in the U.P.

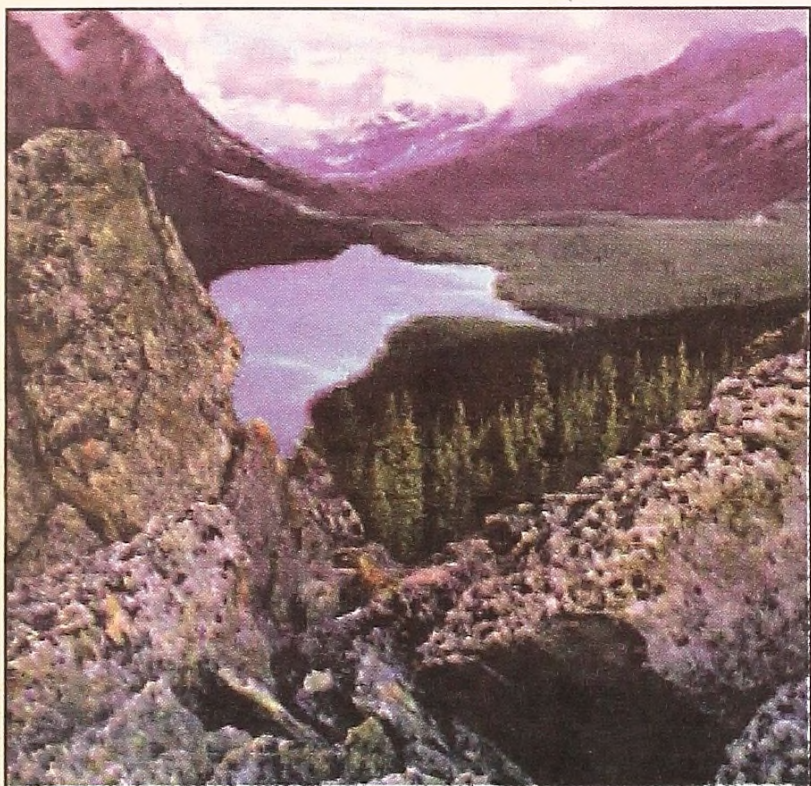
always told me they like my photography," he said. "So I set about four weeks of vacation time to travel."

To catch the images of the outdoors, Middlestead uses a Pentax 645 camera that takes medium-format film. Like anything else, the devil is in the details when it comes to getting a

good shot.

"Light is everything," he said. "Having the right light helps to simplify the images and convey emotions."

Middlestead said he attends about six to eight art shows a year. Art in the Park begins on Friday July 9, and lasts through the weekend.



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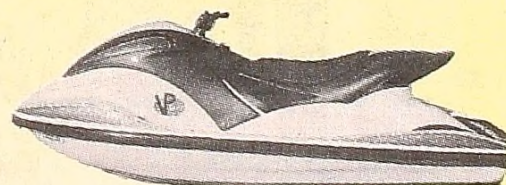
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# Calendar

## Tea time planned in Canton

Travel back to the days of drawing rooms and parlors over a cup of hot cup of tea at the Bartlett-Travis House Tea Time Celebration starting at 1 p.m. this Saturday. There will be music and other refreshments like scones, cakes, and cookies. People are encouraged to bring their own favorite tea-time recipe. Vintage attire is welcome but not required. There is limited space available. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park. For more information call Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

## Third Annual Grub Crawl planned

Some of the most popular Canton restaurants will participate in the Third Annual Grub Crawl from 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20. Participating restaurants include La Shish, Rusty Nail Lounge, Roman Forum, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Ashoka Cuisine, Shark Club, Chili's Bar and Grill, Crow's Nest, Damon's, 4 Friends, TGI Fridays, Bailey's, and Mexican Fiesta. Ride the bus and van service between the various establishments and enjoy free samples of some of their specialties. Drinks will be available for purchase. The fee for this event is \$30 and includes a Grub Crawl t-shirt. For more information or tickets, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

## Fifth/Third Bank run is Saturday

The second annual Solstice Run will take place on Saturday in downtown Northville. Events will begin at 7:45 a.m. at Ford Field. Ford Field is located east of Center Street and north of Main Street, next to Mill Race Village. Runners can choose to compete in a 5K Run/Walk or in the Mustang Mile, which is billed as one of the fastest certified mile courses in the state thanks to a 200 foot drop in elevation.

Winners in the two races will receive a share of \$6,000 in prize money and gift awards. There will also be a Kids Fun Run, geared specifically for children, and family-friendly entertainment ranging from track-side rock 'n' roll bands to hot air balloon rides to hula dancers. The event will benefit five charitable organizations, four of which are locally based. For more information, visit [www.solsticerun.org](http://www.solsticerun.org).

## Bike rodeo planned

The Northville Township Police Department will host a bike safety rodeo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Northville Township Hall parking lot. The event is free. In case of rain, events will be moved into the fire hall.

## Independence Day parade is July 3

The annual Northville Independence Day parade, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3. A 50-piece military band and individuals dressed up to portray key members of America's past will be among the entertainment provided by the parade. This year, the parade theme is Heroes Past and Present. The parade will begin on Griswold Street and head north to Main Street. It will follow Main Street west to Rogers Street. After heading south on Rogers Street, the marchers will head east to Cady Street and then take Cady Street to Wing Street. From Wing Street, it will turn onto Fairbrook Street. It will then take Fairbrook until the marchers reach Northville Downs.

## Music series continues

The Plymouth Community Arts Council along with the New Liberty Bank, Wilcox Foundation and the City of Plymouth are sponsoring the Music in the Park 2004 program. All shows are at Noon every Wednesday in Kellogg Park, rain or shine.

In the event of rain, the entertainment will be moved to the Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre. Next week, Celebration Concert with Matt Watroba and special guests Robert Jones and Kitty Donohoe will perform. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

## Adopt-A-Brick program continues

City of Plymouth officials are looking for families to help fund the Dewey Playground project by adopting a brick. The bricks will be used to line the walkway, and will feature the name of the buyer on the brick. The Dewey Playground is located at the corner of Dewey and Byron streets, just east of Main Street and north of Ann Arbor Road. A dedication ceremony will take place this fall. An 8-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$100, and a 4-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$50. The deadline to take part in the project is July 4. For more information, contact the department of municipal services at (734) 453-7737 or at [dms@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:dms@ci.plymouth.mi.us).

## Summer festival next week

The Westland Summer Festival will be from Wednesday, June 30 through Sunday, July 4, on city hall grounds, 36601 Ford Road, Westland. The festival will be open from 9 a.m. until midnight each day. There will also be a fireworks display on Sunday, July 4, behind the Bailey Recreation Center at approximately 10 p.m.

## Summer storytelling set

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring children to the Leanna Hicks Library summer storytelling sessions. The theme this year is "Great parents, great starts." The sessions are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. each Thursday. Library officials say the program is geared for children ages

3 years and older. Parents are required to stay in the library for the entire 45-minute session. Pre-registration is encouraged. The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road, directly behind city hall. For more information, call (313) 563-2822.

## Detroit Tigers road trip set

McCoy's Sports Grill is organizing a Detroit Tigers Road Trip Sunday, Aug. 8. The trip includes a motorcoach ride to and from McCoy's Grill, box seat tickets located behind home plate, beverages on the bus and a t-shirt. Tickets are \$55 for Tigers game against Boston. For more information, visit McCoy's at 333 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville.

## Charity golf outing scheduled

The Girlstown Foundation has organized the third annual golf outing Saturday, July 24 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Entry fees are \$100 per golfer and sponsor fees are \$150 per hole. The day will include lunch, silent auction, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The deadline to register is July 2. For more information, contact Elaine Carter at (734) 697-7242.

## Wayne fireworks are scheduled

The annual fireworks celebration takes place on June 30, with activities centered in Attwood Park and the Wayne Community Center, at the corner of Annapolis and Howe streets. The 30-minute fireworks show begins at dusk, but activities get under way much earlier, with a kids' area, a kiddie carnival, food vendors and the Wheelfest Star Search from 6-10 p.m. There will also be a family VIP party from 7-10:30 p.m. in the aquatic area. Tickets for that are \$8 per person; children 3 and under are free. For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

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# THE SCENE

## Hard to Dodge the laughs Dodgeball may prove a guilty pleasure for audiences

One of the more archaic "activities" in gym class, dodgeball, is the means of redemption in a new scrappy-team-of-outcasts-takes-on-the-big-guys Hollywood movie.

*Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story* admits the brutal nature of the game. When the scrappy-team-of-outcasts needs to learn about the sport, they obtain an educational film from the 1950s where professional dodgeballer,

Patches O'Houlihan, (Hank Azaria dashing dressed like a hero fighter pilot with a rubber ball instead of a plane) gives advice and tips about the game. A

booming newsreel narrator unabashedly describes the three things dodgeball is

all about: violence, degradation, and exclusion.

These characteristics of the game have most schools bumping it out of P.E. classes. The argument goes that dodgeball only encourages the physically stronger children to further humiliate the physically weaker. And *Dodgeball* is a movie that

sees the adult world as an extension of the polarizing school world: weak versus strong, cool versus uncool, attractive versus ugly.

This is where the scrappy-team-of-outcasts comes in.

The bad news nerds in the movie include a guy who thinks he's a pirate, a wannabe male cheerleader who can't make the squad, and an overweight, myopically challenged Stephan Root whose mail-order wife is cheating on him. They are led by gym owner Peter La Fleur, Vince Vaughn, who plays a beer-swilling regular everyguy who refuses to set goals because he doesn't want to be disappointed when he doesn't reach them.

The philosophy at Le Fleur's grungy gym isn't getting buff on the outside, but doing whatever it takes to feel good about yourself,

even if that's thinking you're a pirate.

This is a stark contrast to Globo's Gym, the high-powered establishment across the street that is sort of a self-improvement infomercial on steroids. The gym's owner, White Goodman, (Ben Stiller) is a manic narcissist

topped off with a feathered mullet who shocks his nipples while stifling the temptation of a donut. Stiller plays the frantic Goodman to frenzied, over-the-top perfection, a role he seems

*The laughs are quick and plentiful and just as forgettable.*

*Don't dodge this one, but don't expect to be blasted to the gymnasium floor with it.*

to have been gearing up for since *Zoolander*. With an arsenal of motivational finger-pointing and hollered slogans and mottoes, Stiller's character is a powerful, one-dimensional reminder to weaklings that only the fittest survive, even in the zany world of

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# Labor of love

## Group works to return historic Wayne theater to past elegance

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Slowly but surely, the historic Wayne Theater is regaining the glory of the past.

Virtually every weekend, a group of dedicated volunteers opens up the doors at the theater to diligently work at scraping away long decades of disuse. The interior of the theater, which once rang with words and song, now reverberates with the sounds of sawing, hammering and the muted conversation of volunteers.

A scaffolding stands by the stage, which was only relatively recently reclaimed. Bright spots mark the walls where dust has been painstakingly scrubbed off, or where new drywall has been hung over old holes.

The work is slow, because everyone involved has a regular job and other time commitments, according to Chad Shenkel, president of the Wayne Theater Corp., the non-profit organization that owns the theater and is heading up the restoration efforts.

"Our current board is mostly made up of long-time volunteers; many of us involved

since we were kids," he said. "We are very determined to restore the Wayne Theatre, and host plays, movies, musicals, comics, bands. It could even be a place to hold meetings, or graduations."

Once a showcase of the Wayne community, the theater is located on Michigan Avenue between Wayne Road and Elizabeth

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Street. It opened in 1927, when the bulk of western Wayne County was rural farmland and Michigan Avenue was the main highway between Detroit and Chicago. A group of businessmen put together the proposal for the theater to further the development of Wayne, which was at the time a hub of activity.

"A lot of people that wanted

this to be were very prominent people," said Matt Wilkinson, vice-president of the Wayne Theater Corp. "They wanted to attract people to Wayne."

The theater has suffered obstacles along the way; it was closed after the stock market crash of 1929, reopened as a movie house and closed again in 1953. After that it was converted to storefronts – one of which housed Stein's Flowers.

Those storefronts had to be torn down after a fire in 1985, which left the open courtyard area that is visible today.

Wilkinson said the restoration effort has had its share of obstacles, as well. The biggest one, of course, is money.

For a while, the group put on regular yearly fundraisers in the form of a haunted house. In fact, that's how many of the current board members got involved with the effort. Wilkinson said he started as a volunteer at the haunted house when he was 14–18 years ago. That venture was profitable, but had other difficulties.

"Nobody knew that it was a theater, and that we were trying to restore it," he said. "A lot of



Chad Shenkel (right) and David Majors work from a donated scaffolding above the theater stage in efforts to restore the historic theater in Wayne.

people in Wayne didn't like the stigma of a haunted house.

"We're trying to change that," he added. "We're trying to go back to our original goal – restoring the theater." A reminder of those days – a tin coffin wherein

rests Skully the Skeleton – is still backstage.

The board has completely changed during the last two years and been replaced by a younger,

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## Parade organizers need help

For anyone who has ever wanted to be involved in the planning and execution of a major parade, now is the time.

In fact, according to Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, now is more than an ideal time – it's a crucial one. The foundation organizes the annual parade in downtown Northville. It will take place on July 3 this year and Peters said volunteers are needed, badly, the day of the event.

"We're desperate," she said. "I need 25 people to help out on the day of the parade."

Volunteers would most likely help line up the parade, according to Peters. They'll tell which entries to go where, make sure they leave the staging ground at Northville Downs on time, and anything else necessary to ensure a smooth-running patriotic celebration.

bration.

"This is not a minor job," she said. "It's one of the most major jobs out here."

Volunteers, like the entries and spectators themselves, can come from anywhere, not just Northville, she said.

"Every community is in the parade, and every community comes to visit the parade," she said. "Volunteers can come from anywhere, too."

The parade starts at 10 a.m., and participants start to line up much earlier than that, she said. The theme this year is American Heroes, past and present.

Anyone who wants to get involved with the parade should call the Northville Community Foundation, and the sooner the better, Peters said. The phone number is (248) 374-0200.

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# Theater

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more energetic crew. They've torn out the floor that once supported a music store, reclaimed the stage and returned the main floor to the former theater design. Wilkinson has replaced the drywall surrounding the old projection booth and started to dress up the balcony area. He said they only lack an updated sprinkling and heating and air conditioning unit before they can start showing movies again on the big screen.

Ultimately, though, the group knows that they'll need money and lots of it to make their dream come true.

"What we're doing now is just simple stuff, things we can do ourselves," he said. "We want to bring people in so they can see the theater has potential."

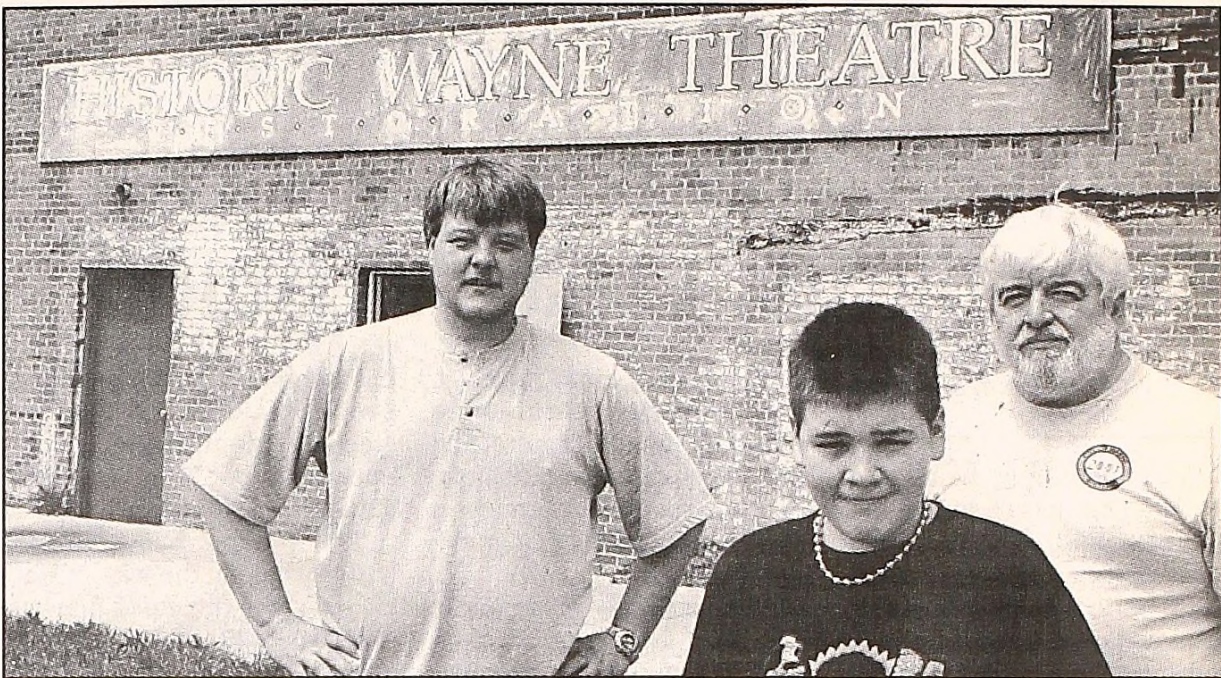
It is a jewel waiting to be polished, according to Sean Doerr; a

14-year-old volunteer working on the restoration.

"It's amazing how much detail they put into things," he said of the antique decorations and flourishes that still line the walls, even in obscure corners. "Today they just put up shoe boxes."

The ultimate plans for the theater are to provide several different types of activities there, according to Wilkinson. He said he'd like to see some type of restaurant or coffee shop that would bring foot traffic to the town during the day, and help bolster the crowds at night. The theater could host anything from live plays to concerts to comedy or magic shows, even film festivals, like the one the group put on last year. Basically, he said the group wants the theater to once again be a hub of downtown activity.

"I'm old enough to remember that stuff," said Jim Darfler, a volunteer who also works with the Wayne Act IV Theater Group. "I wasn't here in Wayne, but I



Matt Wilkinson (left) Sean Doerr (center) and Jim Darfler, members of the Wayne Theater Corp., have been diligently at work restoring the Majestic Wayne Theater.

remember it. It was the kind of thing people did back then. It was a family thing. We want to get it back."

Volunteers and donations are always welcome and can reach

board members through the web site at [www.historicwaynetheatre.com](http://www.historicwaynetheatre.com). Anyone who wants to get a closer look at the theater can visit there this weekend, when the Wayne Theater Corp.

hosts a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 26-27.

"For years and years and years, it just sat here," Wilkinson said. "We want to make it look good."



Vince Vaughn, Alan Tudyk, Chris Williams, Christine Taylor, Stephen Root and Justin Long line-up for the start of the ultimate dodgeball competition.

## Movie - Audiences can't quite dodge laughs

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dodgeball.

But, of course, we know from the title that this is a true underdog story. And there is something of a plot to get these two teams in a position to chuck balls at each other. If Average Joe's Gym doesn't get \$50,000 in 30 days, it will become property of Globo's Gym. The scrappy-team-of-outcasts decides to join a dodgeball competition in Las Vegas where the winning prize is, you guessed it, \$50,000. Goodman

finds out about the tournament and enters his own team of hulking ball-throwing goons. With everything set up, it's time to play ball.

For the most part, the game plays a quirky, nostalgic backdrop for crass jokes audiences will probably find themselves laughing at even though they probably know they shouldn't. It's cheesy humor at its best. The laughs are quick and plentiful and just as forgettable.

Don't dodge this one, but don't expect to be blasted to the gymnasium floor with it.

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# The Terminal takes viewers for an emotional ride



Reviewed by  
Andrea King  
Staff Writer

After hearing that I would be stuck in *The Terminal* for more than two hours, I was hesitant, but once the movie began to take flight, I didn't mind the delay.

Sure, the ride had a few bumps, but after getting through an initial patch of turbulence, it finished off with a smooth landing to a pretty comfortable trip.

*The Terminal*, inspired loosely by the true story of an Iranian man who was denied entry into France, sets Victor Navorski (Tom Hanks) in the international terminal of a New York airport. Navorski is a citizen of a fictional Eastern European country that experiences a military coup while he is in flight headed to New York City.

Once on the ground, Navorski is told by customs bureaucrat Frank Dixon (Stanley Tucci) that his country no longer exists and his passport is invalid. Therefore, he cannot enter



Viktor Navorski (Tom Hanks) must make the best of his accommodations when a coup in his homeland leaves him stranded at the airport in New York.

the United States, nor can he go home. Navorski, equipped with a peanut can, a void passport, and little understanding of English, is then told that he must live in the terminal until the coup is resolved, which will most likely be in a couple of days.

Predictably, things don't get cleared up in a few days or a few weeks. And while Navorski waits and waits and waits, he is forced to learn the English language and find a way to eat, sleep and survive living in the airport.

Soon, Navorski becomes an obstacle to Dixon's career ambition so he shows Navorski the door to the United States. When Dixon is revealed as the movie villain, audiences' compassion for the poor, hapless Navorski is engaged in overdrive.

Eventually, Navorski stumbles upon a group of misfits who become his airport refuge—an immigrant janitor, a flight attendant (Catherine Zeta-Jones), a food-service employee and a luggage handler.

Sure, Zeta-Jones is in the movie strictly as a dose of necessary Hollywood glamour, but she does it well. Navorski falls for her and works at not only playing up his poor interpretation of an accent, but also winning the heart of his dream girl.

Director Steven Spielberg does find a destination for Navorski and the audience can stop wondering what is in the peanut can.

Hey, the happy ending may not answer some obvious questions, but audiences will shed a

tear or two for Hanks' portrayal of little-lost-puppy Navorski. But the two-time Academy Award winner shows his skill throughout the mix of cheesy romance, awkward, yet funny dialogue and heroic accomplishments. This is certainly another feel-good movie for Hanks.

While the chemistry between Hanks and Zeta-Jones may be questionable, it's hard not to like a Hanks/Spielberg film. *The Terminal* is certainly not nearly as good as some of their other collaborations, such as his recent *Catch Me If You Can*.

With the script he was given, however, Hanks definitely made the movie work.



Viktor Navorski (Tom Hanks, front left) finds himself surrounded by friends and well wishers in his quest to finally leave the airport and visit New York.

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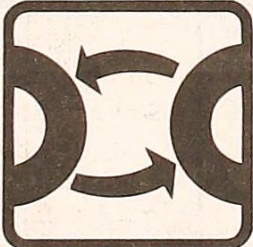
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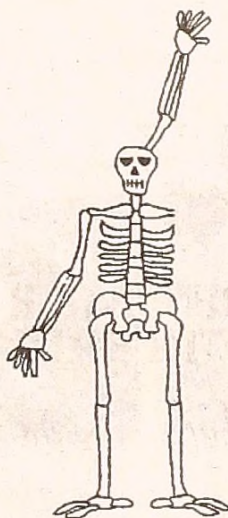
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# Talent is evident in new crime caper

crime—always with mixed results and never without mishap. And never without results that speak volumes about human nature and the society in which we live.

This time, Chester, a friend of Dortmund's pal, Andy Kelp, has arrived unannounced to lure Dortmund and his "friends" into a scheme to steal the antique car collection of his former employer.

It seems that Chester had a good life, driving and maintaining one-of-a-kind antique cars, living on the vast estate and acting as chauffeur until his employer was convicted of scamming his corporate conglomerate of millions and millions of dollars. He makes the boys at Enron look like petty thieves, does old Monroe Hall. And, as part of his parole for his heinous crimes, Hall cannot associate with any known criminals. Since Chester has a prison record, well, Chester has to go.

But this is one employee, unlike the remainder of Hall's staff, who isn't going happily. The other employees, with the exception of the cook who really only works for the lovely Mrs. Hall, have departed as quickly as other employment opportunities allow. Hall can't find domestic help. Nobody wants to work for him at any price. He is a despicable man who delights in

## Book Review The Road to Ruin Donald E. Westlake

causing problems for anyone and everyone he encounters. It is simply his nature to steal.

And that will justify the theft from him of several million dollars in antique automobiles? Well, to Dortmund and his gang, it seems logical.

And so reconnaissance of the Hall estate begins. But there are others out to do Hall harm and take revenge for his crimes. Several of them.

Dortmund and Kelp, however, are the only ones who figure out a way past the heavy security at the Hall compound.

The four of them become the household staff. Unbeknownst to them, however, the others who despise Hall even more than Chester, are about to kidnap the billionaire as a means of recouping their losses.

As the plans of the inept groups of criminals unfold, readers will be treated to the mastery of Westlake's characterization, plotting and insight into the slightly skewed criminal mind. Evil is not always accompanied by genius—and even the best laid plans can and will go sideways. With Westlake, circumstance always interferes with plans, no matter how carefully laid.

*The Road to Ruin* is another in the series of testaments to Westlake's ability to entertain

readers with a fast-paced, insightful look at the comedy that is the human psyche, criminal and otherwise.

Highly recommended.

There is something to be said for experience.

And Donald Westlake has more than 35 years experience with crime novels and about as many books to his credit. Nobody does the crime novel better and in *The Road to Ruin*, 11th in the Dortmund series, Westlake is at his sardonic and comedic best.

Westlake, is must be noted, is also the author of a series of hard-boiled crime novels written under the name Richard Stark. These are some of the very best of the genre and true crime novel enthusiasts await their arrival with great anticipation. They've not disappointed yet.

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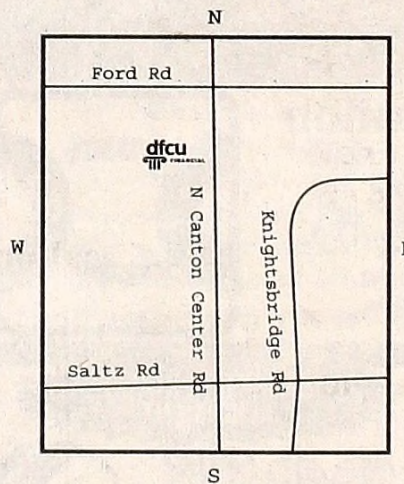
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Except this time, finally, Reacher isn't quite as perfect as in every other novel. Because this time, Child has taken our

## Book Review The Enemy Lee Child

hero back to a turning point in his life—the events and occurrences that helped form his character, both merciless and compassionate. Rather than moving forward in Reacher's life, this time we go back to New Year's Day 1990 when the Berlin Wall is coming down. Reacher is a military cop stationed in Panama when sudden, surprising orders transfer him to Fort Bird in Georgia. And on New Year's Eve, a two-star general is found dead in a motel room, only two days after Reacher's arrival. This is the former Reacher—29 years old and a dedicated Army officer. He is a rising and shining star in the military police. An investigator and military cop considered one of the very best at what he does. He believes in the Army, he believes in his country and he believes in what he does.

A far cry from the Reacher readers have come to know in the latest books—but Child shows loyal fans what happened to our anti-hero. He provides a peek behind the curtain of mystery that has covered Reacher's psyche.

The dead general's wife is killed the same night he dies—in a "home invasion gone wrong." There's a coincidence.

And as Reacher attempts to find out what really happened in the dingy motel room where the general had his heart attack, a member of the elite special forces stationed at the camp is brutally murdered.

And then comes the call from his brother that his mother is dying in Paris. As Reacher attempts to deal with his grief and the loss of his mother, the revelations of some of her deepest secrets shake him to his core.

Child's writing does not falter and this book is as well done as his previous award-winning Reacher tales. This look back at Reacher, before he became the nerveless superhero of the later novels, provides a viable motivating event for his emotional dysfunction.

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# SPORTS

## Celebration time

### Northville soccer team battles opponents, referees to win state title

Scott Spielman  
Editor

As the clock wound down at the state finals in the Division 1 soccer championships, the excitement was nearly palpable.

When the clock expired, the assembled crowd saw it first hand, as the Northville Mustangs girls' soccer team celebrated their first state championship in 20 years.

Not bad for a team that nearly missed the first half of the game.

The Northville bus was delayed nearly 40 minutes by traffic on the way to the state championship game, which took place Saturday afternoon at Troy Athens High School.

The Mustangs scored early and often in the 3-1 victory over the previously undefeated Grand Blanc, according to Northville Coach Ron Meteyer.

It was freshman Danielle Toney who put the Mustangs on the board about 27 minutes into the game to give them the early lead, 1-0.

The score remained the same until halftime and beyond, according to Meteyer.

Northville added to their lead about 12 minutes into the second half when Whitney Guenther sent a sweet pass to Jennifer Kritch, who beat the Grand Blanc goal keeper. About 10 minutes later, Lauren Hill added all the icing the Mustangs would need with the third goal of the game. Guenther ended up with two assists in the win and Hill was credited for an assist with Toney's goal in the first half. The defense controlled the pace and tempo of the game, allowing Grand Blanc only five shots on goal throughout the entire game.

Northville ended up with a record of 19-2-2 for the year. It was their first appearance at a state championship game since 1989 and their first victory since 1984.

#### Northville 2, Brighton 1

The Mustangs earned their first appearance in the state finals with a hard-fought victory over Brighton last Wednesday.

"We played two opponents in that game - the other team and the referees," said Meteyer. Northville was penalized four times as often as Brighton, he said, and plenty of them were

*It was two games in a row they actually followed my game plan. I didn't know what was going on.*

**Northville Coach Ron Meteyer**

questionable calls. Toney was dragged down three times from behind in the box, and each time she collected the foul, he said. Another time Tessa Adkins and a Grand Blanc player both leapt up for the ball, and collided in mid-air. Adkins came down bloody, and needed 10 stitches on her forehead, yet she was called for the foul, Meteyer said.

"Our players played a good game, despite the referees," he said. "The kids, to their credit, didn't get disjointed about it. They kept their heads."

Northville went out to an early lead with two unanswered goals.

The first one came at about 15 minutes into the first half. Lauren Hill won the ball and sent it to Jen Kritch, who was at mid-field. Kritch sent a long pass over the Brighton defenders, and Toney ran under it, got it under control and beat the Brighton keeper.

"Our speed paid off again," Meteyer said.

Toney figured into the second goal, too. She took the ball up the right side of the field, outrunning all defenders and made a clean pass to Vanessa Bailey, who sent the ball toward the Brighton net. The ball bounced off the goal post, though, but the rebound landed virtually at the feet of Lindsey Blair.

"She spun, shot the ball and sent it to the back of the net," Meteyer said.

He said the team felt pretty good, with a 2-0 lead as time expired in the first half. A late goal deflated them somewhat - Brighton managed a goal with only 1.5 seconds on the clock. It came off a direct kick on a play that started at mid-field.

"Some of our girls were still running to get back into position," Meteyer said. "When you

get stung that late in the period it makes you wonder what you worked so hard for."

The Mustangs dominated the second half, though, taking eight goal shots and allowing none. Brighton's strategy had been to try to jam up the Mustangs in the middle of the field, but Meteyer said he knew his team was faster on the outside. He told them to send the ball outside as soon as they got it, and the strategy worked.

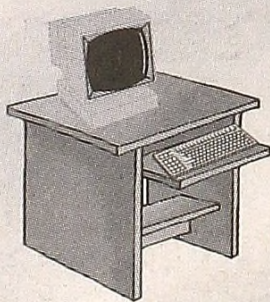
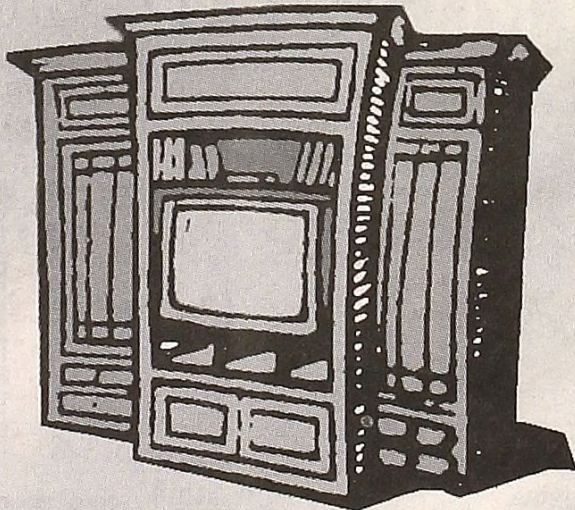
"It was two games in a row they actually followed my game plan," he joked. "I didn't know what was going on."

The two wins capped off an impressive season for the Mustangs, who only recorded two losses. They'll field a different team next year, because they're losing several starters to graduation. Guenther, Lindsay Hill, goal-keeper Deanne Kubas and Loren Tacconelli are among the 10 graduating seniors.

Meteyer said he's still have strong returning group, including the Toney sisters, Danielle and Simone, Lauren Hill, Bailey and Blair. Katie Weicksel, Kritch and Adkins will be back, too.

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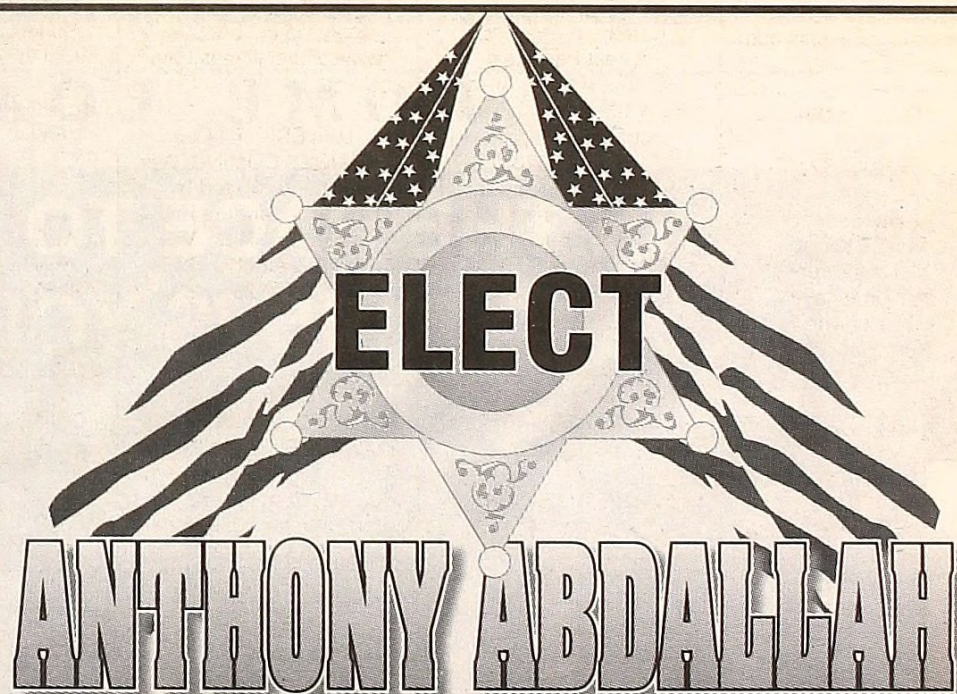
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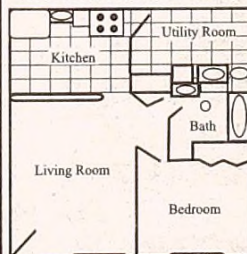
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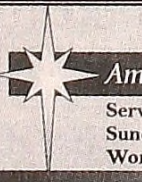
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9:00 AM

1987 Ford  
1FTBR10T1HUA7539  
Pickup 04-4165  
1984 Dodge  
2B6FK13G3ER184581  
Van 04-4264  
1990 Geo  
1Y1SL5455LZ16626B  
4 Door 04-4298  
1988 Ford  
1FMCA11U1JZB18214  
Sta-Wagon 04-4299  
1995 Ford  
1FASP11J5SW154047  
2 Door 04-4398  
1989 Chevrolet  
1G1BU51E9KA140154  
4 Door 04-4820  
1992 Mercury  
1MECM50U1NG602923  
4 Door 04-4827  
1990 Chrysler  
1C3XJ513XLG448568  
2 Door 04-4702  
1987 Chevrolet  
1GCER14K6HF311549  
Pickup 04-4860  
1985 Chrysler  
1C3BC51E1FG154003  
2 Door 04-4913  
1990 Ford  
1FTCR15T7LPA64916  
Pickup 04-4914  
1993 Plymouth  
1P3XP6430PN519340  
2 Door 04-4919

1993 Mercury  
1MEPM31UOPK617577  
2 Door 04-4955  
1985 Chevrolet  
1G1XX68X1FW1111B4  
4 Door 04-4967  
1994 Ford  
1FARP11J3RW155920  
2 Door 04-4969  
1996 Chevrolet  
1G1LD55M4TY288324  
4 Door 04-5155  
1996 Chevrolet  
2G1WX12X5T9212675

2 Door 04-5166  
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1FTDE14F6FHB58408  
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4 Door  
1FALP52U1TA138267  
1989 Chevrolet  
4 Door  
1G1AW51R0K6171059  
1990 Ford  
2 Door  
1ZVPT21U8L5153586  
1983 Ford  
Pickup  
1FTCR10P1DUB38957  
1993 Ford  
4 Door  
1FACP534PG318531  
1991 Ford  
2 Door  
1FAPP6040MH152423  
1991 Chevrolet  
2 Door  
1G1JC14G0M7276306  
1991 Dodge  
4 Door  
1B3XC46R3MD162644  
1988 Ford  
2 Door  
1FABP6044JH176228  
1978 Dodge  
Pickup  
W27BF8S221330  
1996 Ford  
4 Door  
1FALP52U2TG180685  
1988 Ford  
Van  
1FDJF37Y2JKA53655

1976 White  
Tractor  
2EPGCVH000911  
1998 Ford  
2 Door  
3FALP1134WR124276  
1992 Plymouth  
Sta-Wagon  
2P4GH4535NR620613  
1995 STRI  
Trailer  
1S12SC234SG705397

1960 Dodge  
Truck  
4981178043  
1990 Ford  
Sta-Wagon  
1FMCU14T6LUA66704

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2G3AJ51R5J9301723  
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Station Wagon-Red  
2B6HB21Y3KK393754  
1986 Chevy Cavalier  
4 Door-Blue  
1G1JC69P7GK135983  
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4 Door-White  
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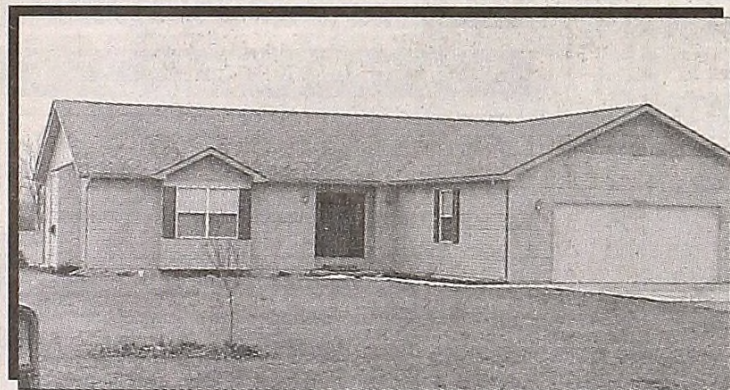
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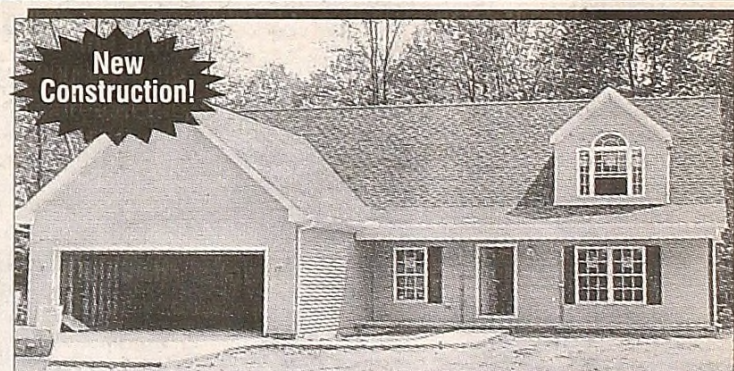
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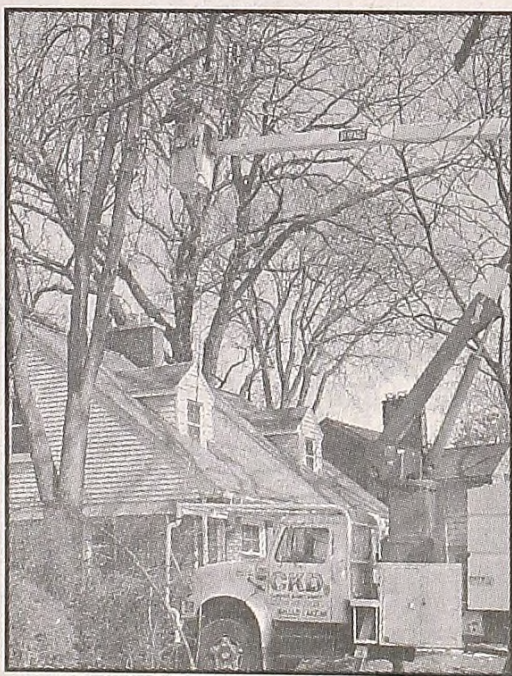
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